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FOR IO AND NEA/PAB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO, ELAB, IS

SUBJ: ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE

REF: STATE 04508

1. IN RESPONSE TO PARAGRAPH 4 REFTEL, EMBOFF HELD TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR WIDE RANGING DISCUSSION WITH MAHMOOD AKHTAR, CENTRAL LABOR ADVISOR, ON ILO AFFAIRS AND THE GOP'S POSITION REGARDING DG'S REPORT. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, AKHTAR NOTED THAT GOP HAD NOT YET FORMULATED ITS POSITION ON THIS ISSUE BUT THAT IT WAS IN PROCESS OF DOING SO. AKHTAR'S JOB IS TO PREPARE VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR THE MINISTER OF LABOR FOR FORWARDING TO THE MFA FOR LATTER'S CONSIDERATION AND FINAL DECISION AS TO WHAT POLICY GOP WILL PURSUE. IN THIS REGARD AKHTAR SAID HE IS WILLING TO INCLUDE THE USG POSITION ON THE ISSUE AS ONE OF OPTIONS IF EMBOFF PROMISED KEEP AKHTAR'S OFFER IN CONFIDENCE.

2. AFTER RECEIVING ASSURANCES, AKHTAR REQUESTED THAT EMBOFF PROVIDE HIM WITH DETAILS OF ANY PRECEDENTS THAT COULD BE CITED TO BOLSTER HIS ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT USG POSITION WHEN WRITING OPTION PAPER. WHAT AKHTAR HAS IN MIND IS ANY  
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INFORMATION OF PAST CASES THAT ARE SIMILAR TO AND WOULD BE APPLICABLE TO THE US POSITION IN THE ILO OF "CLOSING THE BOOK"; OR AS HE PHRASED IT, ARE THERE ANY CASES WHERE THE SUBMISSION OF A REPORT WAS MADE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT, AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON BY THE PARTIES, BECUASE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE DUE NATURE OF THE REPORT.

3. IN VIEW AKHTAR'S WILLINGNESS CONSIDER USG POSITION AND HIS VOLUNTEERING INCLUDE USG POSITION AS ONE OF OPTIONS IN HIS REPORT TO MINISTER OF LABOR, WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS. WOULD APPRECIATE THEREFORE DEPARTMENT DETERMINING WHETHER SUCH PRECEDENTS DO EXIST AND IF SO, FORWARDING SAME TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ANY OTHER RELEVANT TALKING POINTS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE ARE PLEASED AKHTAR OFFERED PUT USG POSITION IN OPTION PAPER WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT GOP WILL CHANGE ITS POLICY OF GENERALLY FOLLOWING ARAB LEAD ON THIS ISSUE.  
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